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In re application : WALTER KRAFT, ET AL.
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is desired to cite for the record in this application the enclosed references listed on the attached copy of PTO Form #1449. The paragraph(s) marked below are applicable to this Information Disclosure Statement.

[X] (1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1) and (2), the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above identified national application or within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 of the above identified application. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.

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- [] (2) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), applicant(s) believes the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.
- [] (3) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), applicant(s) believes the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.
- [] (4) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance and is accompanied by:
 - [] a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e); or
 - [] the fee set forth in § 1.17(p).

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(d)

- [] (5) Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(d), applicant(s) hereby petitions the Commissioner to consider the attached Information Disclosure Statement which is being filed on or before payment of the issue fee. This petition is accompanied by a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) (1)

- [] (6) The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) (2)

- [] (7) The undersigned hereby states that no item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure

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Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is not a representation by the undersigned as to personal knowledge of the contents of every word or phrase of the material enclosed or that reliance on other suitably trained professionals has not been made.

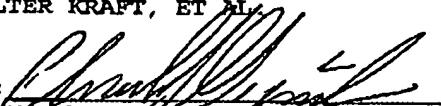
If a search report of a searching agency is enclosed identifying the nature of the relevance of each document, such a designation is deemed to satisfy 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) even if in a foreign language because the codes are the same in all languages. However, applicant(s) does not necessarily adopt the position reflected by that report.

These references were cited in a European Search Report (copy enclosed) which issued in European Application No. 01 102 804.0 filed February 9, 2001.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0804. Triplicate copies of this letter are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Filing or 371(c) Date:	02-08-2002	USPTO Delay (PTO) Delay (days):	710
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Post-Issue Petitions (days):	+0	Total PTA (days):	669
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05-11-2006	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU		
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05-04-2006	Response after Non-Final Action		
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02-07-2006	Mail Non-Final Rejection		
02-03-2006	Non-Final Rejection		
01-18-2006	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
01-09-2006	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	31	
01-18-2006	DISPOSAL FOR A RCE/CPA/129 (express abandonment if CPA)	↑	
01-09-2006	Request for Extension of Time - Granted	↑	
01-09-2006	Workflow - Request for RCE - Begin	↑	
12-29-2005	Mail Advisory Action (PTOL - 303)	↑	
12-27-2005	Advisory Action (PTOL-303)	↑	
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12-07-2005	Amendment after Final Rejection	↑	
09-09-2005	Mail Final Rejection (PTOL - 326)	↑	
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06-28-2005	Response after Non-Final Action	10-	
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11-05-2004	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU	↑	
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10-07-2002	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU	↑	
02-08-2002	Preliminary Amendment	↑	
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02-08-2002	Request for Foreign Priority (Priority Papers May Be Included)	↑	
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Application including Pgs. 1 - 27 of Spec.,
28 - 32 of claims and pg 33 of Abstract

Declaration and Power of Attorney,
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2 Sheets of Figs. 1 - 2 ;

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAMES	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE*
w7	4,794,531	12/27/88	Morishita, et al			
w7	5,357,353	10/18/94	Hirota			
w7	5,524,162	6/4/96	Levien			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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w7	EP 0 566 915	10/27/93	Europe			X
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w7	Polesel A., et al. "Image enhancement via adaptive unsharp masking." IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON IMAGE PROCESSING, MARCH 2000, IEEE, USA, Vol. 9, Nr. 3, pp. 505-510, XP-006556774. IDDN: 1057-7149.					
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